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U.S. Defector Calls Kennedy Victim Of CIA-Linked Plot

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Moscow, Nov. 21—An American defector who claims he was an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency said today that President Kennedy was the victim of a "wide conspiracy" in which the CIA was involved.

In an interview in the Government's evening paper, *Izvestia*, John D. Smith said the new theory of Dr. Josiah Thompson that three men were involved in the assassination should be given close examination.

Dr. Thompson, a 32-year-old Phi Beta Kappa who teaches philosophy at Haverford (Pa.) College, believes four shots were fired from three guns in six seconds in Dallas that day, and hints the gunmen may still be at large.

Victim Of Conspiracy

Smith's observation was part of a long interview given to *Izvestia* as a three-part account of his own alleged spying activities concluded in another Soviet journal, the *Literary Gazette*.

He said Dr. Thompson's theory, which casts doubt on the guilt of Lee Harvey Oswald but ascribes no motives to the three persons he believes killed President Kennedy, "is worthy of the most serious attention."

He added that "like many others, I am convinced that John Kennedy was the victim of a wide conspiracy in which the CIA took part."

Charging that American espionage "permits the filthiest and most criminal deeds," Smith added that "with money it is possible to do everything in the United States. Money even killed President Kennedy."

One Of Every Five

Smith wrapped up his memoirs with the indictment that one out of every five American diplomats stationed abroad is engaged in espionage activities.

A former code clerk in the New Delhi Embassy, Smith was born in Quincy, Mass. He is now living in Moscow and said he plans to continue writing about the role he allegedly played in CIA undercover missions in India and Southeast Asian countries.

In today's installment, Smith said the CIA plotted to blow up

an airliner in 1956 carrying delegates of an Afro-Asian conference from Peking to Bandung.

Moreover, he charged that "the United States Information Service in India is one of the branches of the Central Intelligence Agency," and that "many" of its officials are connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well.

Indian journalists and publishers were bribed and pressured by the CIA to publicize articles favorable to American interests, Smith said.

The defector said he wrote an unsigned letter to the Indian Government detailing CIA activities in the country before fleeing the embassy in the late Fifties.

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